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1971EE

"Fall 1903"

GERMANS IN MARSEILLES!

Following "Spring 1923" moves France retreated A Bur-Gas.

ENGLAND (Trtek): A Edi-Yor; F Nrg-Nth; F Den-Kie; F Hel S F Den-Kie.

FRANCE (Vest): A Gas-Mar; A Pic-Pary; A Tus-Ven; F Lyo-Tyr; F Wes S F Lyo-Tyr.

GERMANY (Tesser): A Sil-Ber; F Kie holds; A Bur-Mar; A Bel-Pic; F Hol S F Kie.

ITALY (Horton): F Ien-Tun; F Tyr-Lyo; A Rom-Ven; A Pie S GERMAN A Bur-Mar.

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY (Edeiken): A Tri-Ven; A Ser S A Rum; A Gal S A Rum; A Rum S A Gal; F Gre-Aeg.

RUSSIA (P. Wood): F Bal S ENGLISH F Den-Kie; A Sev-Rum; F Bla & A Ukr S A Sev-Rum; A War holds; A Mos S A War.

TURKEY (Drakert): A Bul-Ser; A Con-Bul; F Aeg-Gre; F Eas-Ion.

Underlined moves are not possible. The Italian F Tyr and the German F Kie are annihilated; the Austro-Hungarian A Bud must be retreated to Budapest or annihilated. This decision should be sent to the Gamesmaster, who will relay it to the other players. The High Combatant Powers now control the following supply centers:

ENGLAND: Den, Edi, Kie, Liv, Lon, Nwy. (6)

FRANCE: Bre, Par, Por, Spa. (4)

GERMANY: Bel, Ber, Hol, Mar, Mun. (5)

ITALY: Nap, Rom, Tun, Ven. (4)

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY: Bud, Gre, Ser, Tri, Vie. (5)

RUSSIA: Mos, Rum, St.P, Sev, Swe, War. (6)

TURKEY: Ank, Bul, Con, Smy. (4)

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1972A

"Spring 1903"

FRENCH PIRATES HEAD FOR ENGLAND

ENGLAND (Alfenito): F Lon-Nth; F Nth-Nwy; F Bar S F Nth-Nwy; A St.P S F Nth-Nwy.

FRANCE (Pewell): F Mar-Spa(s.c.); F Mid-Iri; A Pie-Ven.

GERMANY (Huddleston): A Mun-Tyr; A Sil-Ber; F Den-Ska; F Swe S F Den-Ska; F Kie-Den; A Par, A Bel, & A Pic hold.

ITALY (Tretick): F Gre-Alb; F Nap-Ion; F Rom-Tyr; A Ven-Tyr; A Tri-Bud; A Tun holds.

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY (Honig): A Ser-Tri; A Vie S A Ser-Tri; A Bud-Ser; A War holds.

RUSSIA (De Prisco): A Ukr-War; F Nwy-St.P(n.c.); A Fin & A Mos S F Nwy-St.P(n.c.).

TURKEY (Murray): F Aeg-Gre; F Eas-Ion; A Bul S F Aeg-Gre; A Rum-Ser.

Underlined moves are not possible. The Italian A Tri is annihilated, and the English A St.P must be retreated to Livonia or annihilated. The English player should send this move in as quickly as possible, and other players will be informed. The deadline for "Fall 1903" moves, which may be made conditional upon this decision, is NOON, SATURDAY 6 MAY 1972. Press releases appear on p. 8.

England may build 2 units, and Germany and Italy may each build 1. France must remove one. The deadline for these "Winter 1903" moves is NOON, SATURDAY 6 MAY 1972. Press releases begin on p. 7.

NOTE: PLAYERS IN 1971EC. Mike Gutierrez is asked to send in stand-by "Spring 1904" moves for Turkey in place of Mike Willner. See #258 for all relevant addresses.

1971BG RIDES AGAIN!

Earl Hodin's obvious failure to continue in this game has brought about his replacement by Elliot Lipson. Play hereby resumes, and the deadline for "Spring 1903" moves is set at 6 PM, MONDAY 15 MAY 1972.

These moves will be published in GRAUSTARK #265 on 20 May.

Just to recapitulate, the players are:

ENGLAND: Major Elliot S. Lipson, Rocky Mountain Arsenal, Denver, Colo. 80240.

FRANCE: Howard Latin, #B, 1942 Russell St., Berkeley, Calif. 94703; 415-348-3186.

GERMANY: Christopher Schleicher, 5122 W. Carmen Ave., Chicago, Ill. 60630.

ITALY: Brian Burley, 38 N. Main St., Hackettstown, N. J. 07840; 201-852-2282.

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY: Donald Berman, 22 Maboline Rd., Old Bridge, N. J. 08857; 201-679-4614.

RUSSIA: Andrew Phillips, 128 Oliver St., Daly City, Calif. 94014.

TURKEY: Sam Nierenberg, 117 W. 197th St., Bronx, N. Y. 10468; 212-549-6260.

Locations of units are:

ENGLAND: A Nwy, F Ska, F Nrg, F Nth. AUSTRIA-HUNGARY: A Vie, A Bud, F Gre, A Tri, A Ser.

FRANCE: A Bel, A Bur, A Par, A Spa, F Mid, F Eng.

GERMANY: F Den, F Hel, A Hol, A Ruh, A Tyr.

ITALY: F Nap, F Tun, A Ven, A Tus.

Supply centers controlled are:

ENGLAND: Edi, Liv, Lon, Nwy. (4)

FRANCE: Bel, Bre, Mar, Par, Por, Spa. (6)

GERMANY: Ber, Den, Hol, Kie, Man. (5)

ITALY: Nap, Rom, Tun, Ven. (4)

1971EB

"Winter 1903"

ITALIANS HEADED EAST?

ITALY (Brooks): Builds F Nap.

RUSSIA (Silverman): Builds A Sev.

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY (Drakert): Builds

TURKEY (Hawley): Removes F Syr.

A Bud. The deadline for "Spring 1904" moves is NOON, SATURDAY 6 MAY.

ROME (25 Nov. 1903): A Poem to Austria-Hungary:

An Eye for an Eye,

A Tooth for a Tooth,

My, oh my, oh my

Look what country broke a tooth.

NAPLES (13 Dec. 1903): King Balbo the "well-hung" today announced the launching of the battleship "Revenge". It will be the new flagship of Admiral Pomi-Pomi, who is swimming back from Syria. The King would not say who the "Revenge" would be directed against but naval observer present (from France and the United States) felt that a shake-down cruise would be in order.

MALTA (19 Dec. 1903): Admiral Pomi-Pomi, questioned at Malta, while resting from his long swim, could only give distorted answers to reporters. When asked "What happened to his Fleet?" The Admiral stated "I think somebody pulled-the-plug on my pretty ships". The Admiral then put on his water-wings and returned to the waters.

LATE BULLETIN: Joseph Antosik, publisher of Anschluss, has apologized for the error printed in his last issue and mentioned on p. 11 of this GRAUSTARK, already printed. I am happy to have this misunderstanding cleared up. See Anschluss #4 for details.

TESSER FOR EMPEROR - II

Strong, firm, and
stable government

Write-in candidate
Write-in office

The movement to elect me Emperor, I am pleased to report, is gaining momentum. ($mv_2 > mv_1$; ask any college president.) Thanks primarily to the efforts of Dr. Boardman, my campaign manager, and of Press Secretary Honig, responses to my opening announcement have been positively tremendous. Cynics claim I'm in it for the money; unimaginative boors have told me I'm stupid (without explicating); wiseacres have taunted me; spies from unnamed foreign and domestic powers continuously follow me (I should not have mentioned my paranoia last month). Occasionally I run across people with the perception to understand my campaign for all its significance; but I've learned how to avoid those.

I have made further appointments. Eli Cohen, Grand Marshal of FSFSCU, has told me that under the legal and constitutional structure of the US, I can't legitimately be elected an Emperor; he asserts "The idea is unthinkable". For his efforts, Eli now finds himself my Attorney General, initially charged with rendering the idea not only thinkable, but inexorable. My USPO colleagues, Mr. Harris and Mr. Willia, are appointed Deputies, and they're charged with placing under arrest those whom I disignate.

Finally, I present an edited version of a press conference which took place at my home at 3 AM on 16 April 1972. Complete editions are available from me, at my home, for the riddling sum of 25¢.

Q: Mr. Tesser, how do you explain your poor showing in the primaries?

A: "Poor showing"? In Florida, out of 200 "per cent" (of both parties' turnouts) I scored - 87 / 42 = 12%, or about 65%. You call that a poor showing?

Q: Mr. Tesser, your name wasn't even-

A: Of course, Florida voters hadn't even heard of me, personally; however, I consider to be mine the votes cast for the two front-runners.

Q: How can you claim the votes of Wa-

A: Because when the public discovers me, they'll know that the others are not as good at what they do as I am.

Q: How so?

A: I have an honest policy, relatively speaking. No time or energy will be wasted in concealing what we do.

Q: That sounds ominous.

A: Don't worry about it.

Q: Why not?

A: Because I'm telling you.

Q: Your political philosophy comes across to thousands of concerned Americans-

A: So my publicity manager, Dr. Boardman, informs me, to my satisfaction.

Q: -as ambiguous. Could you explicate it?

A: Marx said, "A spectre is haunting Europe". Well, as Emperor, I'll enact new immigration laws that'll keep him there. Mao said, "Power comes out of the barrel of a gun." I say this is nonsense: ask Dr. Boardman, he's a physicist. Socrates said many wise things, but I didn't understand them; I don't speak Greek. Benjamin Franklin said something like, "We must all hang together, or we shall all hang separately." A wise man, that Franklin. Rene Descartes said, "Cogito ergo sum"; I say, "Sum ergo regno". David Niven, in Separate Tables, I believe, "The trouble with being on the side of the right is that one encounters such questionable allies." Well, I won't have that problem. Richard Nixon

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1971EC

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"Winter 1903"

NEW KAISER IN VIENNA

ENGLAND (Lipton): Builds A Lon. ITALY (Warden): Builds A Nap.

FRANCE (Nozik): Removes F Bre.

Donald Fox has resigned as Austria-Hungary, and is replaced by Stephen Bell, 5605 Virgilwood Drive, Greensboro, N. C. 27409. The deadline for "Spring 1904" moves is NOON, SATURDAY 6 MAY 1972.

MOSCOW (GOLLY): Barents had this to say about his recent trip to England: "That Lipton is really a goon. I'll say this for him though he is one punny man."

E PHUMPA (GOLLY): Miss Molly head maid of the court of Lipless the Speachless today Said she Liked working under him. "I Like the Strong Silent Type" IT is reported that Lipless Last took a bath in Lake ERIE before it was unfit for swimming. On to the Silent part -

GONADNA (GRACIOUS): Karhos todag reviewed the fighting beasts of Pollutidar.

"my They are strong" He said. "I hope that they don't swim in The ATLantic Ocean. If their Swords don't kill the Smell will." At Which The beasts of Pollutidar gAve Karlos A, warm welcome in the dining hall.

MOSCOW (BALLS): The Dutch bog today annouced the treaty between England & Russia.

"I know we will stick to it, because we have Glue on it."

I PHUMPA (GOLLY): Wily The Witless today came up with one of his great statements. He said "Though the goons swim the seas

The monkeys play in trees

Perverts walk the Lands

And I Shake your hands

There will AlwAys be time for Lipton teas

The only flow through brain around."

1970BN

"Winter 1911"

RUSSIANS HOLD BACK RESERVES

Following "Fall 1911" moves, the English fleet in the North Sea was retreated to Yorkshire.

FRANCE (Nierenberg): Builds A

RUSSIA (Bodenan): Builds A Sev only.

TURKEY (Barents): Builds F Ank, F Con.

The deadline for "Spring 1912" moves is NOON, SATURDAY 6 MAY 1972.

ISSHEMEAL-KEP: Our heroes are again on there way towards the far off mountains which Lie Sonewhere between the Bering Straits & Pango Pango. AS they stapped to rest far the night they could see a brillgent fire in the Sky.

"My" said Hasha "It NOT that a Pretty sight?"

"Oh, yes, it is."

"Those reds, blues, whites, and other such colars make for a fine Sunset"

"But it is l in the morning and that is in the east not the west"

"My, I wonder what it could be then?"

At which the whole area around the camp felt As though a NEW presence was there. The sound WOOOOOOO was heard, then everything went back to normal.

"HASH-A-A what was that?"

"I-I-I- r-re-a-ll-y d-d-don't know-w-w-w."

What was This? MAybe they were just too high to really Know. NEXT time the mountains in the Stary of HASHA, The Living.

MOSCOW: Pandit the bandit meet with the Russians today a aid in his fight for the freedom of his people. The Csar at once gave aid that a Bandit could use, some band aids. There encluded gurters, amps, skins, mic's, Fuzz tone etc. Pandit was then given a record contract At which he replied "ROCK ON!"

THE IMPROBABLE ALLIANCE

by Rod Walker

In a recent issue of Erehwon (#65), Dave Lebling discussed the play of Austria. In a short reply to the article, I noted that it had been written in 1969, and reflected thinking common at the time, which often assumed more or less automatic Italian-Austrian enmity. I also discussed some of the reasons that Turkey is really Austria's worst enemy.

This represents an expansion of those comments, based on further research. The basic premise of this article is two-fold: first, that Austria and Turkey are the two most automatic enemies on the board and second, that there are at least some ways of cementing an Austrian-Turkish alliance despite the difficulties involved.

The simple truth is that Austria and Turkey are reasonably automatic enemies. Each must normally eliminate the other in order to win. This may be demonstrated statistically. Austria has won 21 postal games, while Turkey has won 31 (this is counting regular 7-man games only, with a few excluded on technical grounds.) In the table below, AUS denotes Austria's performance in games won by Turkey, and TUR denotes Turkey's performance in games won by Austria. 2-7 indicates place in the game (7 being first eliminated), S indicates survivals, E indicates eliminations.

	2	3	4	5	6	7	S	E
TUR	1	3	4	4	4	5	2	19
AUS	1	3	4	7	4	12	7	24

In each case, each country does remarkably more poorly than its average performance over-all. Austria's survival rate is less than 23%; Turkey's is less than 10%. Each survival strongly in only one instance (1966AK for Turkey, 1966BN for Austria). Later on, I will examine those two games to see why this occurred.

Why are Austria and Turkey normally so opposed? This is due to the geopolitics of the playing board. Each country represents to the other a threat so basic, so intrinsic, that it cannot normally be ignored or sublimated. For Turkey, the Austrian threat is to the offense; for Austria, the Turkish threat is to the defense.

Turkey. Every pair of powers on the board has a reasonable pair of expansion routes. The exception to this is Austria/Turkey. Austria stands precisely in Turkey's way. In alliance with Austria he must pick up 3 or 4 centers in Russia and then swing through the barren zone of Prussia/Silesia into Germany. Or he can squeeze fleets past Greece into Italy, and hope that by the time he makes the Straits of Gibraltar they are not held against him (see Arnold Vagts, "Tactical Considerations in Locked Up Positions", Hoosier Archives #40, 1f). Both of these expansion routes are restricted and time-consuming, and one of them will be in use by Austria. Turkey's chances of winning or doing well are not very good under such circumstances.

Austria. Austria's expansion possibilities are not particularly curtailed by an alliance with Turkey. He must allow Turkey to use either the Russia/Germany route or the Italy/France route. However, Austria will always have Turkey in his rear and on one of his flanks. Considering the good chance that Turkey will be frustrated by his limited expansion potential, Austria must always fear a strong attack on the Balkans and on his homeland. It is hard to imagine any alliance working smoothly under such circumstances.

Yet in at least two games this occurred.

1966AK, Big Brother's game #2, was won by Austria in alliance with Turkey. The entire game was reprinted in Big Brother #48. Austria was played by Monte Zelazny (I was to have played Austria, but could not get

Reinsel to extend his 13-day deadlines in view of my reassignment overseas, and so I resigned after Spring 1901; Monte for all practical purposes was the original player.) Turkey was played by Jim Dygert. Both are strong players, and both normally play for a win. The Austro-Turkish alliance was formed in 1901 (there was an abortive joint attack on Rumania, each supporting the other in), and continued throughout the game. The supply centers held at the end: AUS: Bud, Tri, Vie, Ber, Kie, Mun, Ser, Rum, Mos, War, St.P, Mar, Ven, Bel, Swe, Nwy, Den, Par. (18); TUR: Ank, Con, Smy, Por, Spa, Bul, Gre, Tun, Nap, Rom, Sev, Bre, Hol (13). (England held 3.) At the end of the game, Austria had only 1 fleet (in Belgium), and Turkey had only 3 armies (in Livonia, Gascony, and Bulgaria). It is obvious that the alliance allowed Turkey to be the naval power, widening the westward passage by giving Greece to Turkey. It is amazing to see players like Dygert and Zelazny cooperating under these circumstances, yet no indications of real strain in the alliance appear in my cursory examination of the game records. Their plan was no doubt helped by the fact that Italy was played by Margaret Gemignani (a weak player) and Russia by Charles Alexander (who was sporadic before he dropped out entirely).

1966BN, Kalmar's game 1966KT, was transferred to Hal Naus' ADAG (Sweetwater Valley Daily Bugle) in Winter 1907. It was won by Turkey in alliance with Austria. The circumstances here resemble those of 1966AK up to a point. Austria/Turkey allied early in the game, and by 1904 Austria was the largest power on the board (11 units), with Turkey second. Some friction developed in 1906/7; this was the period when Greg Long, the Austrian player, was beginning to drop out of postal Diplomacy. He was dropped and replaced in Winter 1907 by Brian Bailey. The Turkish player was Charles Turner. Brian and Charles are good friends, went to school together, members of the Lafayette Tactics and Brotherly Love Association, and so on. From that point on, of course, there was no question about the Austria/Turkish alliance.* At the end, AUS held: Bud, Tri, Vie, Mar, Par, Bel, Hol, Ber, Kie, Swe, Den, Nwy, Mun (13); TUR held: Ank, Con, Smy, Bul, Gre, Rum, Ser, Sev, Mos, War, St.P, Nap, Rom, Tun, Ven, Spa, Por, Bre, Lon (19). Austria had no fleets. Turkey had 5 armies (Ser, War, St.P., Alb, Rum). Turkey's domination of Austria is obvious. Equally obvious were, again, outside circumstances which contributed to the expansion and success of the alliance. Italy resigned and went into civil disorder in Fall 1901. Russia resigned and went into civil disorder in Fall 1904. The English, French, and German players were all dropped in 1904 and had to be replaced. A combination of missed moves and civil disorder favored Austria/Turkey. If Austria had taken three of the Russian centers and had kept Serbia, he would have won, rather than Turkey.

What may we conclude from all this? First, an Austro-Turkish alliance is possible, but requires special trust. Second, its success may well depend on special conditions favoring rapid expansion. As a corollary, we may surmise that the flower might wither if strongly opposed. In each case, Turkey's route west was widened by possession of Greece, and Turkey was the prime naval power while Austria was the land power. This is probably the most successful combination. In this situation, the Austrian fleet will have to lead the way, and a route through the Straits of Gibraltar will have to be blasted as quickly as possible. In 1966AK and BN, Austria/Turkey were aided by weak or non-existent Italian play. It is probable that an active Italy opposing them will cause enough delay so that England and/or France can plug the Straits. One possible answer is to form an alliance with Italy which can be broken as soon as the Straits are breached. Of course, a wise Italy would insist on being the only naval power in the west, which would pretty effectively scotch any plans of stabbing Italy and gaining control of the Mid-Atlantic in the aftermath.

* - This is unusual. Turner is on record as believing that the human race is innately depraved and evil. (JB)

The upshot of this is that it is not wise to expect too much from an Austro-Turkish alliance. It is obviously a combination which most people will not expect, and its advent would have, thus, the advantage of surprise. But if Italy and Russia are on their toes, the surprise will not be enough to make up for the difficulty in coordination and the strains on mutual trust which such an alliance would seem almost inevitably to provoke. The combination Austria/Turkey would thus seem to have rather a dismal future. It is thus, as I labeled it at the beginning, the Improbable Alliance.

Dave Lebling's original article on Austria is obtainable in Erehwon #65, for 15¢ (subscriptions 7/\$1) from Rod Walker, 4719 Felton St., San Diego, Calif. 92116. Erehwon has one or two game openings at \$6 (\$1 off for members of the new "DipOrg").

((I have no idea whether this "new 'DipOrg'" is the same as the outfit Joe Antosiak is calling "NewOrg", or whether either will even exist by the time this article sees print. After all, the increased cost of living affects Larry Peery just as much as it affects honest people. However, membership in the real Diplomacy Association is \$1 from John Be-shara, Apt. 1021, 155 W. 68th St., New York, N. Y. 10023. - JB))

TESSER FOR EMPEROR - II (continued from p. 3)

greeted someone, "Welcome to the White House". I say that Nixon would have made a great doorman. Ed Muskie called George Wallace a "demagogue of the worst sort". But, to be fair, Muskie doesn't know about me yet. David Susskind said, "Please, gentlemen, let us not indulge in gratuitous insults." Him I refer to Ed Muskie. Spiro Agnew spoke of "nattering nabobs of negativism". To that I ask, "Why is this nut different from all other nuts?" James Buckley asked, "Isn't it about time we had a Senator?". New Yorkers are now asking that question, Jim, and wondering why Connecticut has three. Finally, Charles Reich extolled the virtues of the expression, "Oh, Wow!" Which, I must admit, as about as profound a thought as I'll ever get.

So till next month, friends, Oh, Wow.

1971EE - PRESS RELEASES

ROTTERDAM (Brickbat Letters Offering Risque Geriatric Yawns): An unusually reliable source, calling on Lady Monica Pritford-Mitford von Smootley, the British expatriate, aspiring social wallflower, and official consort of Ambassador Unzyunk Yunk-Suche Eccles of Lesser Dyspepsia, found the Lady hastily but calmly packing the 49th of 50 suitcases. She explained her activity by referring to the unstable political and military conditions prevailing in Northern Europe. While she expects no urgent need to evacuate, she told our source, she added that "At the age of 16, I was taught by a Boy Scout to 'be prepared'." She did not elaborate, but sighed impressively.

DORKING: After reviewing a detachment of Home Guard Volunteers in this seaside village, King Edward announced that England would recognize the rebel government of Bangla Dutch and proclaimed that Britain had a moral obligation to aid the insurrection there. "No man is an island," said the British monarch.

LONDON: The British government charged Germany with violating the 1899 Hague Convention by conducting wide-spread Zeppelin attacks against villages in Bangla Dutch. According to English spokesmen, the German Z-52 raids have claimed thousands of civilian lives.

POKER HANDS WITH VARIOUS DECKS

On alternate months a science-fiction fan club called the Lunarians meets in our home. This inevitably results in a poker game around our kitchen table. Since the ordinary 52-card deck is too tame for the sort of person who goes in for Diplomacy, I am printing here for the general interest the relative frequency of the various poker hands for various non-orthodox decks that have been used from time to time. For each deck, the number of each possible hands is given. Hands are listed in the order from least to most frequent, except that an unorganized hand with no combinations is always listed last.

52 cards - standard deck

Straight flush	40
Four of a kind	624
Full house	3,744
Flush	5,148
Straight	10,240
Three of a kind	54,912
Two pair	247,104
One pair	1,098,240
Nothing	1,178,908
total	2,598,908

48 cards - pinochle deck

Straight flush	256
Five of a kind	336
Flush *	2,912
Four of a kind	16,800
Full house	47,040
Straight	65,280
Three of a kind	215,040
Two pair	375,840
One pair	858,240
Nothing	130,650
total	1,712,304

60 cards -

• 11's and 12's in each suit

Straight flush	48
Four of a kind	840
Full house	45,040
Flush	12,012
Straight	12,288
Three of a kind	87,360
Two pair	393,120
One pair	2,402,400
Nothing	2,548,404
total	5,461,512

55 cards - 5 suits of 13 cards each	
Five of a kind	13
Straight flush	50
Four of a kind	3,900
Flush	6,435
Full house	15,600
Straight	31,250
Three of a kind	214,500
Two pair	858,000
One pair	3,575,000
Nothing	3,555,140
total	8,259,888

* - Of these flushes, 480 contain two pairs, 1,920 contain one pair, and 512 contain no pairs.

These calculations are my own.

I own a 60-card deck, but have been vainly trying to find a 65-card deck, a variety which had a brief vogue about 40 years ago. Any information from readers on where I could get such a deck would be greatly appreciated.

1972A - PRESS RELEASES

VIENNA (Displaying Any Maniacal News, 7 Jan. 1902): The Minister of Internal Affairs was clearing out his desk and preparing for a vacation in Geneva. Then, as he was preparing to place his name plate in the suitcase, handling it with the gentle loving care forged through long association, his secretary, Frank Disgust, entered respectfully.

"Sir, there's a phone call for the Minister of Defense."

"Well, why bring it to me?" he answered sharply.

"Ah, the Defense Minister is not to be found," came the almost inaudible reply.

"Oh, yes. I forgot. He had to go for his, ah, shot. Very well."

I'll take it. Switch the call to my line. Who is it?"

"The K-K-King of I-I-Italy."

"What?!" exploded Story Taylor.

The secretary left in an expeditious fashion, and, a moment later, his office phone rang.

RRRinggg!

"Well?!" he thundered into the mouth piece.

"A new alliance? Now that we're more equal? You want me to help you against who?!! Germany?!! And Turkey?!! What about Russia?! What d'ya mean he's not important?!! He is to me!!

"I see. What kind of aid did you have in mind? What in the name of Chef Boy-Ar-Dee could I do with 3 million gallons of surplus watered-down marinara sauce?

"No, I don't think I could use it to spike their vodka. No, I don't think that it would be quite like slipping them a mickey. Yes, I would be inclined to doubt your word.

"Look, you zorchdinchical bluggerand, we have nothing to discuss. May a constipated camel get diarrhea on your pasta = You're welcome. Goodbye."

The young secretary, having found the courage to put his ear to the door only in time to hear the last word, walked in and waited expectantly for a briefing on the conversation.

"Well?" demanded Taylor.

"What happened, sir?"

"We disagreed."

LONDON: Since the tsar did not reply at this point to the Prime Minister's previous communique, we assume that, that communique has been ignored. We are most disturbed about this.

MOSCOW: Czar Ivan wishes to extend his greetings to Emporer Michael of the fledgling Austria-Hungary empire. Now that the tide of battle is turning against him the creampuff armies are turning stale. The Czar is kind enough to let bygones be bygones and live peacefully with our neighbors - BUT - the primary consideration for peace must be the return of Warsaw into Russian hands. (Love those Polish sausages.) Anything less would be unsatisfactory. Czar Ivan would be receptive to further negotiations (that is if the Austrian ambassador would bathe once in awhile) but Warsaw is his prime concern.

ST. PETERSBURG: The underground forces loyal to Czar Ivan have informed the Czar's military leaders in Moscow that everything is in readiness for the effort to expel the British interlopers now occupying the capital. The reports say that a brilliant young officer named Molotov has devised a new weapon to use against the British.

MOSCOW: Czar Ivan has proclaimed this year of 1903 as "Squeeze the Limey" Year. After being stabbed in the back, a favorite tactic of the cowardly British, Czar Ivan threw a royal tantrum and smashed all the royal furniture and the Czarina's bridge-work. After shelling out 11,000 Rubles for a new set of choppers (to the delight of the royal orthodontist) he swore that the Limeys would pay with their lives. The latest peace (?) proposal from England came just in time. The Czarina is paper-training her new pet dog (Russian Wolf Hound, of course) and that's about all a British peace proposal is good for. Sorry, Joe, but one knife in the back is all you get.

CONSTANTINOPLE: The students here in Turkey are threatening to go on strike if our government does not stop bombarding all the other hapless countries. Therefore our emperor seeks only peace with everyone because our students are too valuable to lose, they are good farmers and grow a strange plant our emperor enjoys.

This is
O At
P Great
E Intervals
R This
A Appears
T To
I Inflame
O Optic
N Nerves

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1972E

"Winter 1902"

GERMANY (Fong): Builds A Kie, A Ber. AUSTRIA-HUNGARY (Prosnitz): Builds
 ITALY (Strayer): Builds A Rom, A Bud.
 F Nap.

RUSSIA (Malone): Removes F Swe.

TURKEY (Osmanson): No build received.

The deadline for "Spring 1903" moves is NOON, SATURDAY 6 MAY 1972.

MOSCOW: The Tsar deplores the recent actions of his English cousins which only a severe attack of hemophilia could have caused. After a winter in the inhospitable climes of the Urals due to unfortunate closing of the palace at St. Petersburg. He is seriously considering moving his summer palace to the more peaceful tundras of Iceland.

1972G

"Winter 1902"

Following "Fall 1902" moves, England removed the F Nwy and Turkey removed the F Bul(s.c.) rather than retreat them. This information was mailed out to all players a week ago.

ENGLAND (Lipton): Builds F Edi. RUSSIA (Atteberry): Builds A War,
 GERMANY (De Jonghe): Builds F Kie, A Sev, F St.P(n.c.).
 A Mun. TURKEY (Blandin): Builds F Ank.

ITALY (Devereaux): Builds A Ven, F Nap.

As of 30 April, John Devereaux will move to 2529 Somerset Blvd., Apt. 112, Troy, Michigan 48084. The deadline for "Spring 1903" moves is NOON, SATURDAY 6 MAY 1972.

NOTE: PLAYERS IN 1972E. Since the Turkish player has missed a move, the first stand-by, David King, is called upon to send in "Spring 1903" moves for that country. His address is P. O. Box 88, Danvers, Mass. 01923

AN EMBRYO SPEAKS

by Kurt Tucholsky

They all take care of me: the church, the state, the physicians, the judge.

I'm supposed to grow and to thrive; I'm supposed to slumber for nine months, to take it easy - they wish me well. They protect and watch over me. Heaven help my parents if they do me any harm; then they all come running. Anyone who touches me is punished; my mother would land in jail, so would my father; the doctor who'd do it would have to stop being a doctor; the midwife who's assist would be locked up. You see, I'm something precious.

Yes, they all take care of me: the church, the state, the physicians, the judges.

For nine months.

But once these nine months are past, I am on my own.

T. B.? There's no doctor to help me. Nothing to eat? No milk? There's no help from the state. Torment and mental anguish? The church consoles me but does not fill my stomach. And I haven't a thing to eat, so I go out, and steal; immediately there's a judge who locks me up.

For fifty years of my life no one will look after me, not a soul. I'll have to shift for myself.

For nine months they kill one another if someone wants to kill me.

Now I ask you: Isn't that a strange welfare system?

HAIL TO THEE FREEDONIA!

Reviews of the board games Summit, Shakespeare, Dynasty, and The Next President appeared in FREEDONIA #3. FREEDONIA #4 had an article about the military theories of Homer Lea (1876-1912) and how they affect America's present China policy. See p. 11 for subscription details.

THE MINISTRY OF MISCELLANY

"In his concluding chapter, Taylor warns that the technique of subversion developed by Communist powers, as part of their so-called Wars of Liberation has now been extended to the United States itself. 'The effort to split and defeat us is now in progress, based not on guerrilla warfare but upon the exploitation of our own internal weaknesses coupled with the abuse of such revered democratic practices as Freedom of press, speech and dissent.'

"'To cope with it,' he concludes, 'we need a new concept of national strategy broad enough to assure that defensive measures are taken against subversion in this form. Surely the defense of our national unity merits a dedication of effort at least equal to that which we have lavished in the past on the protection of our overseas possessions, our coastlines, and our air-space from overt foreign foes.'

"And so in General Taylor's memoirs, one comes full circle from the creation of an American empire in the course of seeking to defend our liberty against the perceived threat of Stalinist Communism, to the counsel that we must now sacrifice our liberties in order to maintain our empire." - Neil Sheehan, reviewing General Maxwell Taylor's book Swords and Plowshares in the New York Times Book Review of 9 April 1972

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Two new games of Origins of World War II are currently open and taking entrants in GRAUSTARK's sister publication FREEDONIA. One of these games is the "Historical" version, while the other is the "Anti-Bolshevik Crusade" version suggested as an alternate scenario for the period 1935-40. The entry fee for either of these versions is \$3.00. Subscriptions to FREEDONIA are 8 issues for \$1.00, and this may be made retroactive to #1 of the present volume if you wish. A single sample copy of FREEDONIA is available on request.

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What, really, is so terrible about marijuana? On 20-21 May 1971 the New York Academy of Sciences, of which your Gamesmaster has the honor to be a member, held a conference on "Marijuana: Chemistry, Pharmacology, and Patterns of Social Use". (Annals of the NYAS, Vol. 191) Dr. Joel H. Kaplan, formerly commander of the 98th Medical Detachment, Neuropsychiatric (KO) Team [!] reported on "Marijuana and Drug Abuse in Vietnam", and came up with a truly horrendous story. One soldier "had been on guard duty near the DMZ and had been smoking marijuana during the evening. He suddenly decided that he was going to make peace with the Viet Cong. He proceeded to take his shoes off and to try to get across the barbed wire. He was subsequently brought back by his friends and was taken off guard duty." So obviously if marijuana is going to do things like this...

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"Another sensor is carried on board aircraft. It is called 'the people sniffer' or ACOUBUOY. It picks up ammonia emanations from human : ties. The Vietnamese have cleverly foiled this million-dollar project by hanging buckets of urine in the trees." - New York Herald, 7 April 1972

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Many Diplomacy players were surprised to read, in Anschluss #3, a claim by Joseph Antosiak that I support the so-called "NewOrg" of Larry Peery and Rod Walker, and that I have condemned John Beshara's administration of The Diplomacy Association. This statement is a total, complete, and absolute lie, more worthy of Carol Buchanan than of Antosiak. I am a member of The Diplomacy Association, and am happy to be associated with John Beshara in its administration. I do not propose to join Rod Walker's private Diplomacy Fandom "NewOrg", or "DipOrg", or whatever he is calling it this week. And I am going to get an apology from Antosiak on this matter.

If I know Rod Walker, he will have objections to my characterization of Admiral Aleksandr Vasilievich Kolchak, "Supreme Ruler of Russia". It is pretended that Kolchak merely wanted to hold the country together and defeat the Bolsheviks, and that he was not necessarily committed to a restoration of the monarchy. Let speak to that point Georg von Rauch in A History of Soviet Russia, pp. 106-7 (5th edition):

"Backed by the British cabinet, Kolchak had, on November 18, 1918, overthrown the predominantly Socialist government in Omsk and assumed power. With the title of Regent, he headed a government which considered itself the provisional executive of an all-Russian centralist monarchy. Whether the crown was going to be offered to the Grand Duke Nikolai Nikolaevich or Cyril Vladimirovich did not matter at this point. Much more important was the fact that this anti-Bolshevik movement assumed a reactionary form aiming at the restoration of the monarchy."

It was in support of Kolchak and similar Tsarist adventurers that the United States and Japan occupied eastern Siberia in 1918-1920. Walker referred to this little-known American military action in his letter in GRAUSTARK #262. One of the best references to the fighting of the Russian Civil War of that era, and the short-lived Tsarist and separatist mini-states then proclaimed, is George Stewart's The White Armies of Russia. This or any other source on the period makes it evident that, whatever armchair democrats in the West may have preferred, the only real choice in the Russia of that era was between the Bolsheviks on the one hand and such butchers as Kolchak, Ungarn-Sternberg, Semyonov, and Horvat on the other.

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Kenneth Scher was indeed the author of the review of The Encyclopedia of Military History printed in #262. Bob Lipton's name was listed by mistake in the table of contents.

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Now that both stand-bys in 1971EC have started playing, people have asked if I need any more. If further stand-bys are needed in this or any other game, I will call upon stand-bys who haven't had a chance in other games, or who, like Mike Gutierrez, were called in to preside at the funerals of moribund nations.

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"The Vietnamese lack the ability to conduct a war by themselves or govern themselves." - Richard M. Nixon, 16 April 1954